MSSA: A Social Work Degree Without Limits
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RANKED SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IN AMERICA (#1 IN OHIO), BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

1ST
PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK GRADUATE SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES, FOUNDED IN 1915

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STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO, ONE OF THE NATION’S LOWEST

96%
MSSA STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT, TOTALING OVER $4 MILLION PER YEAR

7,800+
ALUMNI IN ALL 50 STATES AND 41 COUNTRIES

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ARTS, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ADJACENT TO CAMPUS IN UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

16TH
CLEVELAND’S RANKING ON FORBES’ LIST OF MOST AFFORDABLE CITIES IN AMERICA
Become convinced in the power of one to make a difference in the world.

Master of Science in Social Administration (MSSA, equivalent to an MSW)
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Learn with very specialized populations, tailor your curriculum to your educational goals, and develop the critical thinking necessary to address complex problems.

Small class sizes ensure a collaborative environment and will help you get to know your professors and fellow classmates.

International opportunities abound, with short-term study abroad classes during school breaks and a thriving international affairs office.

**CONCENTRATIONS**
- Community Practice for Social Change
- Direct Practice

**SPECIALIZATIONS**
- Aging
- Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA)
- Children, Youth and Families
- Health
- Mental Health (Children and Adolescent or Adult)

**CERTIFICATES AND TRACKS**
- Gerontology
- Global Health
- Management and Leadership
- Nonprofit Management
- School Social Work
- Chemical Dependency Professional
  - License Eligibility

**DUAL DEGREES**
- Social Work and Nonprofit Management (MSSA/MNO)
- Social Work and Bioethics (MSSA/MA)
- Social Work and Business (MSSA/MBA)
- Social Work and Law (MSSA/JD)
- Social Work and Public Health (MSSA/MPH)

**REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD**
Just understanding theories is not enough. You need to viscerally experience how it applies to people in a real-world setting. Field Education is an integral part of the MSSA, providing amazing opportunities for students to build experience, hone skills, and make connections. The Mandel School is affiliated with more than 350 Greater Cleveland agencies, creating a vast network of MSSA education and employment opportunities. Field sites include:
  - Cleveland Foundation
  - Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources
  - Hospice of the Western Reserve
  - Cleveland Clinic
  - National Association of Social Workers
  - Cleveland Metropolitan School District
  - Council of Jewish Federations
  - Senate Subcommittee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
  - East Cleveland Partnership

**ADVANCED STANDING**
Complete the MSSA program in just 3 semesters (12 months or 16 months) if you completed a bachelor's degree in social work (BSW) within the last seven years from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited institution.

**FORMAT OPTIONS**
- Traditional: Weekly Format
- Intensive Weekend
- Online
POWERHOUSE PROFESSORS WHO BELIEVE
Having someone believe in you is the most important resource any school can provide. When you enter the Mandel School, our faculty will believe in you. They are, first and foremost, mentors and teachers. They are icons in their respective fields, world-renowned for their transformative, cutting-edge research. But their doors are open, their classrooms are engaged, and their true passion is for their talented students who are the future of social work.

BEYOND THE MANDEL SCHOOL
You will be part of the vibrant campus of Case Western Reserve University, which will offer interprofessional opportunities with your student-colleagues in medicine, nursing, business, and other schools. You will also be a part of Cleveland, a city with a rich philanthropic history and one of the highest concentrations of community development organizations. It has vibrant neighborhoods, a low cost of living, exceptional food and culture, and terrific opportunities for students in their academic and personal lives.

/// I am so excited for the doors that my MSSA will open for me. I have great plans and now have the tools to pursue them. ///
HIGH STANDARDS
The Master of Science in Social Administration (MSSA) is equivalent to a Master of Social Work (MSW). The MSSA is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the nationally recognized professional accrediting association for social work graduate and undergraduate programs, and the degree fulfills the educational requirements for clinical social work licensure. Any undergraduate major is considered for the MSSA program.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID
Every student who applies to the Mandel School is automatically considered for our merit and need-based scholarships that range from $12,000 to full tuition. The admissions office has a dedicated financial aid adviser on staff to match you with the best financial aid opportunities available, including federal loan programs, veteran's benefits, and external scholarships.

HOW TO APPLY
We encourage you to apply to the Mandel School. The application form is online: msass.case.edu/apply. There is no application fee. Your submission must include:

- Transcripts from an accredited college or university, including from any institution where you completed six or more credits
- Three recommendation letters (preferably from a faculty member, direct supervisor, or volunteer coordinator)
- Personal statement that is exemplary of graduate school-level writing
- Resume highlighting your paid and volunteer experiences
To empower the vulnerable and oppressed.

To improve the well-being of society.

To advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

To enhance the capacity of individuals to address their own needs.

To pursue a social work career is not just a job. It’s a calling. At the Mandel School, we provide the tools you need to transform your passion into action.
Think Beyond

As the #9 ranked social work school in the United States and the highest ranked school at Case Western Reserve University, the Mandel School is at the forefront of educating future leaders in social work and nonprofit management. Our mission is to promote social justice and empower communities. Our research is shaping public policy, informing social change, and transforming lives. Our students are talented, compassionate, diverse people who are educated and mentored by world-renowned professors and taught in a rigorous, groundbreaking curriculum that will prepare them to change the world.

If you are thinking about how you want to change the world, think the Mandel School. To find out more or to schedule a visit, go to: msass.case.edu/admissions.